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O 221250Z MAY 75 FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE TO US MISSION UN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE 513 SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3988 AMEMBASSY BANGKOK IMMEDIATE AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: AEMR, LA

SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE C-130 AIRCRAFT AT DISPOSAL OF UN

REF: USUN 1698

- 1. CANBERRA HAS JUST WIRED ITS AGREEMENT TO USE OF SUBJECT AIRCRAFT PROVIDED RTG, PGNU AND UN AGREE. WE ARE TAKING UP MATTER WITH PGNU AND LOOK FOR UN APPROVAL WITH FOLLOWING JUSTIFICATION. WE HAVE CONTACTED EMBASSY/BANGKOK TO TAKE MATTER UP WITH RTG.
- 2. WE ARE IN PROCESS OF REDUCING USAID PERSONNEL IN LAOS ON A HIGHLY EXPEDITED BASIS. WE ARE EMPLOYING ALL POSSIBLE COMMERCIAL PACKING AND TRANSPORT COMPANIES IN VIENTIANE AND MAKING ARRANGEMENTS, WHERE AVAILABLE, FOR CHARTER AIRCRAFT. AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE A GREAT BACKLOG OF AIR AND SURFACE FREIGHT READY TO BE SHIPPED WITH ALL APPROPRIATE CUSTOMS CLEARANCES. WE WOULD LIKE TO REDUCE THIS BACKLOG AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BY THE USE OF SUBJECT AIRCRAFT WHILE WE ARE NEGOTIATING COMMERCIAL AIR-FREIGHT TRANSPORT UNCLASSIFIED

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ARRANGEMENTS.

- 3. AT THIS POINT, WE CANNOT BE PRECISE AS TO TOTAL NUMBER OF SHIPMENTS. HOWEVER, EACH SHIPMENT WOULD EMPLOY CLOSE TO MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF C-130. AT PRESENT, WE HAVE READY FOR LOADING APPROXIMATELY 150,000 POUNDS, OR MINIMUM OF FOUR SHIPMENTS. WITHIN A WEEK, WE SHOULD HAVE AN ADDITIONAL EQUAL QUANTITY READY FOR LOADING, SUBJECT TO THE PACKING CAPACITIES OF ALL AVAILABLE LOCAL COMMERCIAL COMPANIES.
- 4. WE WISH TO MAKE CLEAR THAT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES WERE SCHEDULED FOR DEPARTURE PRIOR TO THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR LONG-PLANNED PERSONNEL REDUCTION. AN EVEN LARGER NUMBER OF PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED TO LEAVE OVER THE COURSE OF FISCAL YEAR 1976. THE INDIVIDUAL DEPARTURES OF THIS LATTER GROUP ARE BEING BROUGHT FORWARD AS IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT PROGRAM AGREEMENTS WITH THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION (PGNU) REQUIRING THE SERVICES OF THESE PEOPLE WILL NOT MATERIALIZE.

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